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1. One of the responsibilities of the Department for Mother and Child Care of the Polish Ministry of Health, located in the main building on Miodowa Street in Warsaw, is the rehabilitation of polio victims. For this purpose seven institutions have been set up in Poland, two in Warsaw and one each in Stalinogrod, Gdansk, Busk (near Kielce), Krakow and Wroclaw.
2. Approximately 1,000 children are cared for in these institutions. The personnel employed reaches almost the same number, i.e. there is nearly one employee for each child. An institution housing 100 children, for example, would have an over-all staff of about 95. On the average, there is one physician for 35 children. Each child costs the government 64 zloty per day. All expenses are borne by the government.
3. The only drug used on polio victims is aglobolin, mostly of Swiss origin. All institutions work by the Sister Kenny method. There are no iron lungs in any of the institutions. On the other hand, the children's hospitals have one.
4. In 1952 there was a polio epidemic in Poland involving at least 1,000 cases. In 1953 there were 500 to 600 cases, of which only a negligible number were fatal.
5. In the above-mentioned institutions regular teaching facilities are available in addition to vocational training.
6. The head of the Department for Mother and Child Care is Kobierska (fmu).
7. The following are among the departments housed in the main building of the ministry:
  - a. Hospitals, dispensaries and clinics, headed by Dr. Wolanski.
  - b. Administration and finance.
  - c. Planning, headed by Dr. Grynberg until 1953. No new chief has been appointed and

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Dr. Jiwinski acts as substitute.

d. Minister's secretariat.

8. Other departments of the ministry not housed in the same main building include:

a. "San Epid" (Sanitarno-Epidemiczny), department for preventive medicine, headed by Dr. Wior, a woman who acts as substitute for the department head.

b. Tuberculosis, headed by Dr. Garmata.

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